

of certain counties, as the counties of Superior and Doty, shall hereafter be known by the following names: The county of Superior shall be known as the county of St. Louis; and the county of Doty shall be known as the county of Newton.

Boundary of Dakota county.

SEC. 3. The east line of Scott county shall conform to the line prescribed as the western boundary of Dakota county, any act to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. S. NORRIS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
W. P. MURRAY,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,
Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

CHAPTER XXIII.

A Bill granting to William W. Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart, the right to establish and maintain a Ferry across the main channel of the Mississippi river.

- SECTION 1. Corporate company and location of ferry.
2. Time in which ferry shall be established.
3. Of the landing of boats.
4. Condition of bond required.
5. Liability for not keeping good boats.
6. Rates of toll allowed.
7. Liabilities for charging an excess of toll.
8. Of the establishment of other ferries within the points specified in this act.
9. In what case the legislature may alter or amend this act.

Be it enacted by the Legislative assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

Location of ferry

SECTION 1. That William W. Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall have the exclusive right and privilege for the period of fifteen years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the main channel of the Mississippi river at the village of Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue, and Territory of Minnesota, at any point within one mile eastwardly or

westwardly up and down said river, from the center of Broad street where it strikes the Mississippi river in said village.

SEC. 2. The said William W. Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart shall within eighteen months after the passage of this act, place and maintain upon said ferry such good and sufficient boat or boats as may be necessary to carry across said river all teams, horses, cattle and other property, for the accommodation of foot passengers; and shall at all times give ready and prompt attendance on passengers or teams on all occasions and at all hours of the day or night; but persons crossing said ferry at night may be charged double the fare as hereinafter prescribed.

Time ferry shall be established.

SEC. 3. The said William W. Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart, may land their boats, passengers and property on any public highway which may terminate within the points above specified, or on the lands of any person owning the same, first having procured their permission so to do.

Landing of boats.

SEC. 4. The said William Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart shall, within six months after the passage of this act, file or cause to be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners of the county of Goodhue, a bond to the said board, with two or more sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned that they will fulfil all the duties that are imposed upon them in this act, and in case of their failure so to do, they shall forfeit all the benefits that might have accrued to them from its passage.

Condition of bond.

SEC. 5. For every neglect to keep a good and sufficient boat or boats, or failure to give prompt and due attendance upon all persons wishing to cross the said ferry, the said William Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered by and for the use of said county, by a civil action before any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be further liable in a like action for all damages any person may sustain by reason of the neglect of the said William Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart, to fulfil any of the duties imposed upon them by this act, and shall also be liable on said bond to any person who shall sustain any injury by the negligence or default of said William Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart, or of any ferryman in their employ.

Liability for not keeping good boats.

SEC. 6. The rates charged for crossing at said ferry, shall not exceed the following:

Rates of toll.

For each foot passenger,.....	12½ cents.
Each horse, mare, or mule, with or without rider,.....	25 "
Each two horse, two ox, or two mule team, loaded or unloaded with driver,.....	50 "
Each single horse carriage, with passengers,.....	37½ "
Each additional horse, mule, ox or cow,.....	12½ "
Each swine or sheep,.....	10 "

All freight of merchandize or other articles, not in teams, at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred weight; fifty cents per thousand feet of lumber, and five cents per hundred weight of all other articles.

SEC. 7. If the said William Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Freeborn and Norris Hobart, their heirs, assigns, or any ferryman or other person employed by them, shall take, exact or receive any greater or higher

Liabilities for charging an excess of toll.

rates of ferrage for transporting persons, teams, goods and chattels or other things whatsoever than are allowed by this act, any person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered with costs of suit before any justice of the peace within the Territory, and for the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

Establishment of
other ferries.

SEC. 8. If any other person or persons shall, after the establishment of the said ferry as aforesaid, set up, keep or maintain any ferry, or shall carry any person, goods or chattels for hire or pay, across the Mississippi river from any place on the west side or shore of said river, within the points above specified, every such person shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered with costs of suit in any court in this Territory, having cognizance thereof, by any person who shall or may prosecute for the same; *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall be deemed or construed to prevent any person who resides within the limits aforesaid, and on the west bank of said river, from the right of making use of their own boats in transporting themselves and property across the same at pleasure.

May alter or a-
mend this act.

SEC. 9. If the said William Sweeney, William Lauver, Richard Frecborn and Norris Hobart, their heirs or assigns, fail to fulfil any of the conditions of this act, then the Legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal the same.

J. S. NORRIS

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. P. MURRAY,

President of the Council.

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